

## Training at Camp Challenge

Training at Camp Challenge is built around small unit tactical training because it is the best vehicle for developing the cadet's potential to serve as a commissioned officer. Cadets gain individual confidence through accomplishment of tough training. Platoon competition then develops the collective cohesion from these individual performances. Training is sequenced in a logical, building-block manner. A "tiered" approach is used which allows for an ideal flow of training for each regiment. The training is organized into five operational areas:

- **Operation True Grit** – covers adventure training which builds both Cadet self confidence and unit esprit-de-corps.
- **Operation Pathfinder** – focuses on individual skills as a precursor to learning unit skills. Cadets learn basic military skills in order to function as a small unit member.
- **Operation Gunfighter** – centers on weapons training where the cadet learns basic weapons skills necessary for progression to squad tactics. Training begins with mechanical training, progresses through fundamentals of firing, the weaponeer device, shot grouping, zero, and practice record firing. Cadets also receive familiarization training on other primary individual and squad level weapons.
- **Operation Future Challenge** – introduces cadets to the diverse branches of the Army through the use of branch displays and exposure to advance training technologies. The purpose is to familiarize cadets with the diversity of opportunities available in today's Army and to assist Cadets in making an informed branch choice.
- **Operation Bold Challenge** – is the camp's "Capstone Exercise". Cadets are exposed to squad level operations where Cadre assess the Cadet's leadership ability in a field environment. The FTX is intentionally tough and introduces the element of stress. Throughout the exercise cadets encounter physical and mental obstacles which challenge them as a person, cadet, and leader.

Leadership assessment is constant and begins the moment the cadet arrives.